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TO : Chief/Basic School

DATE: 24 January 1956

FROM : Chief/Orientation and Briefing

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the Period
17 January to 24 January 1956

1. a. The CIA Introduction was conducted on 19 January 1956, with an audience composed of 59 CIA employees.

b. Audience evaluation: A difficult group with many sophisticated individuals.

c. Chief/OB/BS recommends that those who have attended the BOC should not be sent to the Introduction program. This was discussed with [] a few months ago with the understanding that formal steps would be taken to effect this result.
2. On Tuesday, 17 January, the sixteenth CIA Review was conducted. Forty-eight attended, which is the largest number we have ever had at one of these courses.
3. Chief/OB/BS discussed with [] of P&PS/TR certain ideas about a Training Bulletin which is being recommended by []. To him we gave the substance of a talk made by [] at a recent Dependents' Briefing.
4. On 18 January Chief/OB/BS conducted a special "Discussion of National Intelligence Problems" for Junior Foreign Service Officers at the Department of State.
5. A request came from the Department of State for Chief/OB/BS to address another group of Mid-Careerists. This is going to be done on Friday, 3 February, in room 117 Central.
6. Lt. Col. Arntz, Assistant to the Assistant Commandant, SIS, gave the Chief/OB/BS his evaluation of the presentations made by our personnel during the last SIS course. In the meantime, the request for speakers for the next course has been received and satisfactory progress is being made in arranging for those who will go to SIS.
7. a. Following a call from Chief/BS, the Chief/OB/BS spoke to [] of OCI, who suggested that Chief/OB/BS talk to [] our liaison in NSA. Chief/OB/BS had a long conversation with [] who stated that the program desired by NSA has been changed from 6 and

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7 February to 13 and 14 February and that he would have [] of NSA get in touch with Chief/OB/BS directly to make detailed arrangements.

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b. [] had an extensive meeting with Chief/OB/BS during which it was agreed that the Chief/OB/BS would go to Fort Meade on Monday, 13 February to participate in a program for NSA personnel. [] felt that in the future it would be very beneficial if we could make available a definite number of slots to the NSA at each of our monthly Departmental Briefings. If such is done, then it may not be necessary for us to participate in future NSA programs at Fort Meade or other places.

8. In arranging for the next Dependents' Briefing, of particular significance is the fact that [] has agreed to present the Bon Voyage statement.

9. The fourth Departmental Briefing was conducted today from 0900 to 1200. Forty-seven attended, including Captain Gilman of the Navy, who attended the Departmental Briefing in November but said he desired to "go through it again." [] from the DDCI's office was also with us, and coming for the beginning was Mr. Frank Wisner, who did an excellent job in bringing the Director's best wishes to those who were present.

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